

Remarks

In response to the Office Action mailed on December 14, 2005, the Applicants sincerely request reconsideration in view of the above amendments to the claims and the following remarks. The claims as presented are believed to be in allowable condition.

Claims 1 - 23 are currently pending in the present application. Claim 1 is provisionally rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 on the basis of double-patenting. Claim 1 is also provisionally rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/588,411. Claims 1 - 2, 6, 10, and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over US patent 5,634,019 to Koppolu et al. (hereinafter "*Koppolu*") in view of Harold, E.R. "XML:Extensible Markup Language", IDG Books Worldwide, Books 24x7.com printout, 1998, pages 1-11 (hereinafter "*Harold*"), and further in view of US patent 6,295,061 to Park et al. (hereinafter "*Park*"), Claims 11 - 19 are allowed.

As shown above, Claims 1 and 20 have been canceled. Claims 3 and 21 have been amended to incorporate the features of canceled Claims 1 and 20, respectively. The remaining amended claims change dependencies so that they correspond to non-canceled claims. No new matter has been added.

Double Patenting Rejection

In the Office Action, claim 1 is provisionally rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as claiming the same invention as that of Claim 27 of co-pending Application No. 09/588,411. The provisional rejection of this claim is respectfully traversed.

As noted above, Claim 1 has been canceled. As a result, there are no longer any claims in the instant application that are co-extensive in scope with Claim 27 of co-pending Application No. 09/588,411. The amended Claim 3, which is the new independent claim, includes subject

matter deemed to be allowable by the Office Action. As a result, the provisional rejection of Claim 1 is moot.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

In the Office action, Claim 1 is also provisionally rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/588,411. The provisional rejection of this claim is respectfully traversed since Claim 1 has been canceled (see above). Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the provisional rejection of this claim is moot.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

In the Office Action, Claims 1-2, 6, 10, and 20 are rejected as being unpatentable over *Koppolu* in view of *Harold*, and further in view of *Park*. As noted above, Claims 1 and 20 have been canceled. The rejection of the remaining claims is respectfully traversed.

In the Office Action, Claims 3-5, 7-9, and 21-23 are identified as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As shown above, Claims 3 and 21 have been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of canceled Claims 1 and 20 respectively. Therefore, these Claims are allowable as well as Claims 4 - 5 and 7 - 9, which depend from amended Claim 3 and Claims 22 - 23, which depend from amended Claim 21.

Furthermore, amended Claims 2, 6, and 10 now depend from Claim 3 and thus include at least the subject matter with additional limitations. Therefore, these claims are allowable for at least the same reasons as Claim 3 and the rejection of these claims should be withdrawn.

Allowed Claims

In the Office Action, Claims 11 - 19 are identified as allowed. The Applicants appreciate the allowance of these claims.

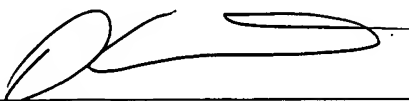
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application is now in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the Applicants' attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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